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Road Repair Work Slated for Saguaro National Park Resurfacing Project to Occur in Both East and West Districts

Tucson, AZ – Officials at Saguaro National Park have announced a two-week project to resurface all paved roads and parking areas in the park's east and west districts. Most surfaces will be receiving a micro seal treatment. The east district's Cactus Forest Drive will receive a minus ¼ inch micro seal. This micro seal treatment consists of small rock chips (less than ¼ of an inch in diameter) that are mixed with an emulsion and applied with a spreader, much like an asphalt surface. While more expensive than a standard chip seal, a micro seal surface provides a more suitable riding surface for bicycles, while improving the road's structural integrity and durability necessary for vehicular traffic.

Project work is slated to take place Monday May 10th through Friday May 21st, with a tentative schedule as follows:

May 10-13	East District's Cactus Forest Drive
May 13-14	All other East District Road roads and parking areas (visitor center, administrative, maintenance and residential areas)
May 17-18	Kinney Road and other West District roads and parking areas (visitor center, administrative, maintenance and residential areas)
May 19	Picture Rocks Road (from Cam Boh picnic area to Contzen Pass)

The one-way portion of the east district's Cactus Forest Loop Drive will be closed to all travel on May 10 through 13. For all other areas, every effort will be made to minimize travel delays. Visitors may, however, experience brief traffic delays, up to 15 minutes. No work on public roads will take place over the week-end, May 15 and 16.

During this resurfacing project, visitors can expect visible traffic control, including flaggers and pilot cars. Please drive carefully while traveling through these construction zones.

This pavement preservation project is being funded by the Federal Highway Administration and National Park Service. For additional information, please contact Jim Brown, Chief of Facility Management, at 733-5140.